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SUBJ: TRIAL OF DANILO UDOVICKI

REF BELGRADE A-662, SEPTEMBER 11, 1972

1. ARCHITECT DANILO UDOVICKI (3 0), SON OF WELL- KNOWN FORMER AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY OF PRESIDENCY' S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL, LAZAR UDOVICKI, IS BEING TRIED IN BELGRADE REGIONAL COURT FOR " HOSTILE ACTIVITY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA".

2. SPECIFICALLY, UDOVICKI IS CHARGED WITH CONTACT SINCE 1970 WITH A " HOSTILE GROUP" - THE PARIS- BASED TROTSKYIST GROUP, THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL-- THROUGH LETTERS AND MEETINGS WITH NOTED SOCIALIST SPOKESMAN ERNST MANDEL AS WELL AS WITH NICHEL GRUNOVSKI AND MAVREL KHAN (BOTH PHONETIC).

3. CONTACT WITH THIS GROUP WAS SUFFICIENT TO SEND THREE BELGRADE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO PRISON FOR ONE AND ONE HALF TO TWO YEARS IN 1972 (REPAIR).

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, UDOVICKI HAS REJECTED ALL ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDICTMENT AND HAS SAID THAT HIS CONTACTS WITH GRUNOVSKI WERE ONLY A CONTINUATION OF FAMILY TIES ESTABLISHED BY THEIR PARENTS; WHILE HIS CONTACT WITH MANDEL CONSISTED OF

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ACTING AS HIS INTERPRETER DURING MANDEL' S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA
IN 1971 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE " LITTLE RED PONY" FORUM OF
THE PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY OF BELGRADE UNIVERSITY.

5. COMMENT: THE AUTHORITIES PROBABLY HAVE A FIRM CASE AGAINST
UDOVICKI OR THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT THE SON OF A STILL
INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF YUGOSLAV SOCIETY TO TRIAL. THERE IS STILL NO
EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER TO INDICATE THAT " TROTSKYISM"
ENJOYS ANY REAL SUPPORT AMONG UNIVERSITY YOUTH HERE AND EVEN
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO GIVE
UDOVICKI' S ACTIVITY ANY BROAD ORGANIZATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.
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